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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Nov-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 11/15/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/08/03
BRO-FRY	159,199	159,760
LT HENS	1,223	1,272
HVY HENS	1,470	1,197

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
 WEEK ENDING 01-Nov-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

***** WEEK ENDING 08-Nov-02 (THOUSAND HEAD) NOT AVAILABLE *****

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	175	0	175
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	100	4	104
SAME WEEK YR AGO	313	3	316
TO-DATE/2003	9,995	141	10,136
TO-DATE/2002	13,537	268	13,805

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**** WEEK ENDING 08-NOV-03 NOT AVAILABLE ****

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,268	1,314	2,582
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,237	1,387	2,624
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,010	1,541	3,551
TO-DATE/2003	73,705	61,761	135,466
TO-DATE/2002	90,895	62,559	153,454

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
 WEEK ENDING 08-Nov-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	158,112	1,258	1,473	2,731
AVG WT	5.04	3.48	8.00	5.92
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	157,750	1,093	1,314	2,407
SAME WK YR AGO	155,647	1,438	1,548	2,986
AVG WT	5.13	3.51	7.89	5.78
TO-DATE/2003	6,929,692	64,968	63,093	128,061
TO-DATE/2002	6,999,610	78,796	63,839	142,635

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160 million head or 5.5 million head more than or 104% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 01-Nov-2003**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	22,698	24,710	36,344
Avg Weight	3.70	4.73	6.23
% of total /1	27%	30%	43%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	24,262	31,632	52,622
Avg Weight	3.77	4.77	6.29
% of total /1	22%	29%	48%
Same week, yr ago /2	30,042	24,223	46,736
Avg Weight	3.82	4.83	6.26
% of total /1	30%	24%	46%
To date/2003	1,019,359	1,045,702	1,956,952
To date/2002	1,131,957	980,315	1,817,026

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 08-Nov-03
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,520	3,280	99	10	5,909
AVG WT	16.18	35.83	24.13	28.00	27.29
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	2,391	3,124	55	2	5,572
SAME WK YR AGO	2,585	3,268	87	30	5,970
AVG WT	16.17	34.60	24.04	32.75	26.45
TO-DATE/2003	85,038	123,702	2,860	575	212,175
TO-DATE/2002	83,751	124,291	2,455	466	210,963

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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